

# The LEAFLET



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## Sports Park & Recreation Center Project Moves Full Speed Ahead!

After clearing trees, stumps, roots and other materials, we're halfway through grading for the Lake Forest Sports Park. At the same time, we're building the backbone of key infrastructure including storm drains and water systems. The remaining grading will prepare the site for construction in May 2013.

The 86-acre Sports Park will be one of the largest in Orange County capable of hosting various sports tournaments and large community events. The Sports Park will include five baseball/softball diamonds, two synthetic turf soccer fields, three natural turf soccer fields, a 3-acre common lawn, and a 27,000 square foot recreation center with a gymnasium and classrooms. The Sports Park will also include these amenities:

- Two playgrounds and tot lots
- Two restroom and concession buildings
- Two outdoor basketball courts
- Eight covered gazebo picnic structures
- Thirty-eight sports field lights
- Extensive landscaping and over 2,000 new trees
- Hiking trails that connect to the County's trail
- More than 500 parking spaces



Like the Sports Park & Recreation Center page on Facebook to check out construction photos, follow our progress, and get regular project updates and announcements...or simply scan this QR code to visit us now!



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## CITY MANAGER'S



# Message

## *A Glimpse of Upcoming Projects for the New Year!*

It's hard to believe another year has gone by! We closed out another wonderful year with major accomplishments such as the opening of Alton and Rancho Parkway, breaking ground for the Sports Park and Recreation Center, completing four streetscape projects, and streaming City Council and Commission meetings online. There's more ahead for 2013!

We're moving full speed ahead with several capital projects including the Sports Park and Recreation Center. With construction slated for May, the Sports Park will soon be a reality. New shade structures and play equipment at Tamarisk and Rimgate Parks will complete an \$8 million park renovation program. Lake Forest's New Neighborhoods will foster a healthy mix of jobs, services, and housing. Learn more about these communities on our Lake Forest New Neighborhoods Facebook page. We're also in the early planning stage for a 9-acre Civic Center that will feature a senior center, performing arts venue, and policing center.

I invite you to make a New Year's Resolution to get involved by taking advantage of all the City's programs and activities! This year, try out one of our new recreation programs, all found in the *Leisure Times*. If you're interested in emergency preparedness, sign up for the Community Emergency Preparedness Academy. Want to know more about the inner workings of the City? Sign up for the Leadership Academy that happens every year in the fall. For businesses, we invite you to get ready for Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week 2013 later this fall. For more ways to get involved, visit the City's website and Facebook page.

We look forward to serving you with our commitment to excellence!

Sincerely,

*Robert C. Dunek*

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City Manager

## 2013 Lake Forest Community Emergency Preparedness Academy

**February 6 – March 20**

Enrollment is underway for the 2013 Lake Forest Community Emergency Preparedness Academy. The Academy, which is designed to teach Lake Forest residents the basics of disaster preparedness, is offered as a joint partnership between the City of Lake Forest, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Fire Authority and Doctor's Ambulance. As part of the instruction, participants will be certified in First Aid / CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) use.

The training is offered at no cost and classes run for seven consecutive Wednesdays, beginning February 6. Dinner and refreshments will be provided at 6 p.m. with classes starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information or to enroll, call 461-3474.



## Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, February 5
- Tuesday, February 19
- Tuesday, March 5
- Tuesday, March 19

## I-5 Improvements Will Ease South County Gridlock



Let's face it, traffic jams are no fun! Currently, over 340,000 motorists travel between El Toro and SR-73 everyday and that number is expected to increase 35% by 2030. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and Caltrans invite you to several Open House events to learn more about the I-5 improvement project. The events will be held at Mission Viejo City Hall (200 Civic Center) on February 27 and at the Laguna Hills Community Center (25555 Alicia Parkway) on February 28. Both meetings are from 4:30-7:30 p.m.



Major project highlights include:

- Widening the I-5 by adding one or two lanes in each direction.
- Extending the second carpool lane from the El Toro interchange to Alicia Parkway.
- Reconstructing Avery Parkway and La Paz Road interchanges.

These improvements will be funded by Measure M2, the half-cent sales tax, and federal funds. Visit OCTA's website at [www.octa.net/i5ElToro](http://www.octa.net/i5ElToro) or [facebook.com/OCI5SouthCounty](https://www.facebook.com/OCI5SouthCounty) to stay up to date on this project.

## Alton Parkway Wins Project of the Year Award

Opened to commuters seven months ago, Alton Parkway was recently recognized by the American Public Works Association for the 2012 Project of the Year Award. The Alton Parkway Extension Project closes the gap between Irvine Boulevard and Commercentre Drive and connects I-5 to the 241 Toll Road while relieving traffic congestion.



## Street Sweeping is Year Round! Don't Forget to Move Your Car

Help keep our streets clean by moving your car each week. Every car parked on the street means three car lengths can't be swept. Not only does this threaten your curb appeal, but it also means pollutants end up in our storm drains that eventually flow to the ocean. Here are a few simple tips to follow:



- Park off the street during street sweeping day.
- Remove trash cans and other obstructions from the street or gutter on street sweeping day.
- Avoid blowing, piling, or sweeping leaves or other debris in the street or gutter.



# Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week – Coming Summer 2013!



Calling all Lake Forest businesses! Planning has begun for the 3rd annual **Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week** so start thinking about promotional deals you would like to offer to the community! Last year, more than 200 businesses partic-

ipated with 2-for-1 specials, 20% or more off a bill, and other great offers that were mailed to all residents and businesses in the City. Many businesses experienced an increase in sales and were able to attract new customers!

If you participated last year, get ready to sign up again and if you're new to the program, give it a try! With minimal effort on your part, you'll get maximum results! Here are some of the

great benefits of being part of this week-long event:

- Participation is FREE as a Lake Forest business.
- Draw new customers to your business.
- Receive free advertising on local radio stations and print publications.
- Partner with the community to support Lake Forest restaurants, retail shops, and other local stores.

Lake Forest businesses and shopping center property managers wishing to participate in Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week are encouraged to contact Economic Development at [economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov). Keep an eye out for more information about this year's Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week in future editions of the Leaflet!

## Online Agendas and Videos



Accessing meeting agendas and videos on the City's website is as easy as 1-2-3! Just visit [www.lakeforestca.gov/agendas](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/agendas)!

## Paint Recycling Drop-Off Sites

Finished painting your home and don't know what to do with the leftover paint? Now residents and businesses can conveniently dispose of leftover paint at one of two drop-off sites in the Lake Forest area. There is a 5-gallon limit per drop-off and fees are based on container size. For more information about drop-off fees and paint recycling sites, visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org).



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16191 Lake Forest Dr.  
Irvine, CA 92618  
(949) 788-0950

Sherwin-Williams  
22500 Muirlands Blvd.  
Lake Forest, CA 92630  
(949) 707-1207

# Lake Forest Pride of Ownership Winner

Congratulations to Gary Penn, the fourth winner of the Lake Forest Pride of Ownership contest. Mr. Penn certainly boosted his curb appeal! We hope you enjoy your goodie basket of home improvement helpers.

You can show off your home improvement project by submitting before and after photos for consideration in the Lake Forest Pride of Ownership contest. Entries can be dropped off at City Hall, mailed in, or emailed to [LFPrize@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:LFPrize@lakeforestca.gov). For more information, call 461-3544.



BEFORE



AFTER

## It's Official, World Record Broken by Etnies!



Thanks to 311 avid skateboarders, Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest landed a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records by setting an all-time high for holding the largest skateboard lesson on Go Skateboarding Day! The world record effort was held in memory of Thomas Johnson, an 8-year old skateboard fan who lost his battle with cancer in 2010.

## Fair Housing



An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3471.

# Your Watershed and Pollution

You may have heard the term “watershed”, but do you know what it means? A watershed is a geographic land area that drains surface water from that area to a common point such as a creek, river, bay or ocean. Think of it like a sink – no matter where a drop of water falls in the sink, it eventually ends up going down the drain. The City of Lake Forest is part of two watersheds – the Newport Bay Watershed and the Aliso Creek Watershed. All water within the Newport Bay Watershed will eventually end up in Newport Bay. All water within the Aliso Creek Watershed will flow into Aliso Creek and eventually discharge into the Pacific Ocean at Aliso Beach. Water sources in a watershed can include rain, excess water from over-irrigation of landscaping, and excess water from hoses.

Now that you know how a watershed works, let’s take a look at how it gets polluted. As water flows through the watershed, it can pick up pollutants such as litter, cigarette butts, fertilizer, pesticides, pet waste, motor oil and lawn clippings. This polluted water can flow into the storm drain system and right into our local water bodies and our local environmental resources.

Follow these simple tips to protect the water quality of your watershed:

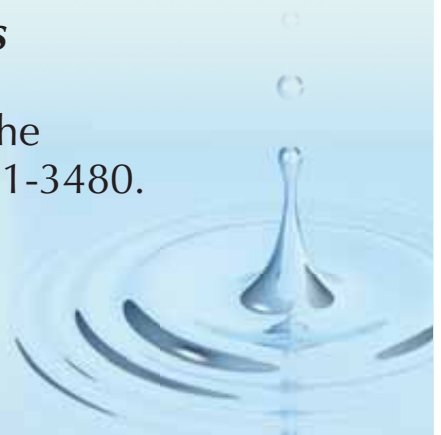
- Pick up after your pet and place the waste in the trash.
- Adjust your irrigation system to prevent overwatering.
- Follow directions for use of pesticides and fertilizers.
- Never hose it down! Sweep up debris and dispose of it in the trash.
- Never pour oil or antifreeze in the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Use dry cleanup methods (e.g. cat litter, rags, etc.) for outdoor spills.
- Cover trash cans securely.
- Take hazardous waste to a household hazardous waste collection center.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash.



24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL

***Remember, the Ocean Begins  
At Your Front Door.***

For more information, contact the  
Public Works Department at 461-3480.





# Recreation/Events Calendar

## Winter 2013 (January-February)

### JANUARY

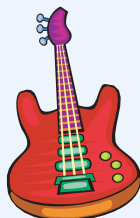
#### Band Nights at the Skatemark

25

6-10 p.m.

Etnies Skatemark  
of Lake Forest  
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)

\$5 admission fee  
at the door



### FEBRUARY

#### Lights! Camera! Action! Dinner Dance

1

4-7 p.m.

Lake Forest  
Community Center  
(25550 Commercentre Dr)

\$7 per person  
(pre-registration is necessary)



#### February 11 - April 15

#### AARP Tax Aide – FREE Tax Help

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays only

Lake Forest Community Center  
(25550 Commercentre Dr)

Appointments are mandatory.  
No Walk-Ins. Call 461-3408.

#### Spring Registration Begins for Residents

12

8 a.m.

Online,  
Mail-In,  
Walk-In



#### Band Nights at the Skatemark

22

6-10 p.m.

Etnies Skatemark  
of Lake Forest  
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)

\$5 admission fee  
at the door



Save  
the Date

### Bunny Blast:

“An Egg Wonderland”  
Saturday, March 23

See inside Leisure Times page 1 for all the info



Save  
the Date

Parks Safari  
Saturday, April 20

See inside Leisure Times page 1 for all the info



For more info on any of these activities, call Community Services at 461-3450.



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Lake Forest, CA 92630

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### Important City Telephone Numbers



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Building Division . . . . . 461-3470  
Building Inspection . . . . 461-3468  
City Clerk . . . . . 461-3420  
City Council . . . . . 461-3420  
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410  
Community  
Policing Center . . . . . 461-3530  
Community  
Preservation . . . . . 461-3474  
Etnies Skatepark . . . . . 916-5870  
Graffiti Hotline . . . . . 461-3583  
Planning . . . . . 461-3491  
Public Works . . . . . 461-3480  
Recreation . . . . . 461-3450  
Economic  
Development . . . . . 461-3567

### IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City  
[www.lakeforestca.gov](http://www.lakeforestca.gov)  
Economic Development  
[www.lakeforestbusiness.com](http://www.lakeforestbusiness.com)  
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
[www.etnieskateparkoflakeforest.com](http://www.etnieskateparkoflakeforest.com)



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## "EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are several different species of approved trees which may be planted in several City parks."



**For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.**

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Rudy Black and Jim Penn	Tristania	Rancho Serrano Park	Dr. Herbert Wong
Brayden Heitzig	Magnolia Tree	Rancho Serrano Park	Richard and Libby Heitzig, Happy Thanksgiving Love, Brayden
Cadette Girl Scouts Troop 1477	Liquid Amber (3) Trees	Rancho Serrano Park	"Continue to Make the Air Cleaner"
Esposito and Martinez Families	Liquid Amber	Rancho Serrano Park	In Loving Memory of Steven Chavez – Son, Brother and Grandson 1970-1983
The Gupta Family	Liquid Amber	Rancho Serrano Park	"A Quiet and Safe Place to Enjoy Nature"
Reya Mahdavi	Sycamore	Foothill Ranch Community Park	For Chico – January 1997 – September 14, 2012
Kyle and Anne McNeil	Magnolia Tree	Foothill Ranch Community Park	Isabella Rogers – In Memory of a Special Angel

## Looking for a Pet? Visit Lake Forest Pet of the Week!

Visit the City's website to meet the Lake Forest "Pet of the Week!" The "Pet of the Week" is a joint effort between the City and OC Animal Care to find a forever home for adoptable Lake Forest animals. A new pet is featured each week, along with an update on the adoption status of the previous Pet of the Week. Last year there were over 11,000 successful adoptions of dogs, cats and other animals from OC Animal Care. Visit [www.ocpetinfo.com](http://www.ocpetinfo.com) for more available animals that are in need of warm and loving homes. For more information, contact OC Animal Care at 249-5160 or visit them at [ocgov.com](http://ocgov.com).

